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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CYPRUS TALKS IN VIENNA

1. AUSTRIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY MP FRANZ KARASEK TOLD REPORTERS AT VIENNA ON FEBRUARY 27, FOLLOWING HIS THIRD FACT-FINDING TRIP ON CYPRUS FOR COUNCIL OF EUROPE (COE), THAT HE THOUGHT UPCOMING TALKS BETWEEN PM ECEVIT AND PRESIDENT CARAMANLIS, PROBABLY IN GENEVA MARCH 12, COULD IMPROVE CLIMATE BETWEEN TURKS AND GREEKS AND LEAD TO NEW INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS OF CYPRIOT LEADERS IN VIENNA IN FOUR TO SIX WEEKS UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF UN/SYG WALDHEIM. KARASEK SAID SUCH TALKS COULD FAIL IF SOMEONE WANTED THEM TO BUT HE WAS GENERALLY HOPEFUL ON BASIS OF HIS SOUNDINGS IN CYPRUS, ANKARA AND ATHENS. COE, HE ADDED, WOULD DISCUSS CYPRUS AT STRASBOURG IN LATE APRIL.

2. KARASEK STATED FACT THAT ATHENS NOW ACCEPTS BIZONAL SOLUTION RATHER THAN STRONGLY FEDERAL STATE WAS GREAT
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STEP FORWARD BUT GREEK DEMANDS FOR COMPLETE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND SETTLEMENT ON CYPRUS FOR BOTH ETHNIC GROUPS, WHILE PROBABLY ACCEPTABLE TO TURKISH CYPRIOTS ON PRINCIPLE AS PART OF NEW CONSTITUTION, WOULD CERTAINLY CAUSE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES FOR TALKS UNLESS THERE WERE SOME RESERVATIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION. KARASEK SAID DENKTASH, LIKE ECEVIT, IS AWARE OF NECESSITY OF

TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS BUT WILL NOT COMMIT HIMSELF. HE
THOUGHT DENKTASH WOULD SUBMIT HIS PROPOSALS ON CONSTITU-
TION TO WALDHEIM EARLY IN MARCH, AND WOULD PROBABLY
INCLUDE PROPOSAL THAT HEAD OF STATE BE NAMED ALTERNATIVELY
BY GREEK AND TURKISH ETHNIC GROUPS. WOLF

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